

of the Board because of its familiarity with the work of making exhibits, and to secure the economical management in such work as comes from experience. Such, at least, was the spirit in which the Board of Agriculture entered upon the discharge of its part of the new duty assigned it. Particularly was this true in regard to the organization of the general work, and in the preparation of the literature which it was deemed essential should accompany an exhibit of the material resources of the State. While the exhibit will attract the attention and interest of the spectator, it is absolutely essential, in order to hold this interest and to make it bring forth proper results, that he be supplied with such literature as will enlighten him and fix permanently the impression made by the physical aspect of the material displayed. Hence the Board set about the preparation of a new Hand-Book of North Carolina, which is to surpass in its increased number of subjects, style and makeup, any book of the character heretofore issued under its auspices.

This book is now in press and will be issued in ample time to do good service at Chicago, as well as serve the general purposes for which such a publication is made. The edition will be illustrated and comprise about four hundred pages, and ten thousand copies will be printed.

In addition to this book, which treats of so large a number of subjects—a bird's eye view of the State—there is to be several technical bulletins or pamphlets treating special subjects. One of these is to be devoted to the forestry of the State. It will go into the details, pointing with accuracy the location and extent of the growth of all merchantable timbers, and will be suitably illustrated, thus affording minute and particular information to the practical lumberman and hard-wood worker.

The other will be devoted to Fish and Fisheries. This subject is one of moment to the people living on our coast. It will treat the matter in a practical way from a business standpoint, embracing the number of people now profitably